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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 09/897,988

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FILED: JULY 5, 2001

: EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
SUBSTANCE UTILIZING
MICROORGANISM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice dated January 16, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an Amendment, a substitute Sequence Listing, and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Please delete the original Sequence Listing from page 35 to page 36 of the specification.

Page 39 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on the next page, ✓ insert the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.